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- The I. C. Frimu Armaments Plant, Sinaia, was rebuilt and enlarged in 1951 and converted to the production of agricultural equipment, including tractors. In 1953 the plant gradually began to abandon the production of agricultural machinery and resumed munitions production, making 20 and 150 mm artillery shells.
- 2. The plant is located about 1.5 kilometers from the Sinaia railroad station, east of the Stalin (Brasov)-Ploesti railroad line. It covers an area of 1,000 by 250 meters and is surrounded by a fence. The management is headed by a technical commission composed of Rumanian engineers with Soviet engineers as advisors. Production and operation of the plant are under the control of a permanent commission of Soviet officials. There are two guard posts manned by units from the Rumanian Army.
- 3. The armaments plant is composed of the following sections:
 - a. steel foundry;
 - b. brass foundry, with four German coking ovens;
 - c. lathe section, with about 50 machines imported from Germany in 1950;
 - d. press section with six presses;
 - e. fitting section; and
 - f. warehouses and garage.
- 4. About 20 tons of finished products leave the factory each day. This material is loaded on two railroad cars of 10-ton capacity each and sent to powder plants in Bucharest, Ploesti, and Paulesti Woods, near Ploesti, for loading.

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5 •	The plant has two sources for power:					
	a. Sinaia hydroelectric power plant on the Prahova River; and					
	b. secondary hydroelectric power plant in Sinaia-Gagu, about three kilometers south of the I.C. Frimu armaments plant.					
5.	About 1,800 workers are employed in the plant which operates in three 8-hour shifts. Most of the specialists are German, Hungarian and Czechoslovak. The plant has an underground shelter with a capacity of 200 persons.					
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